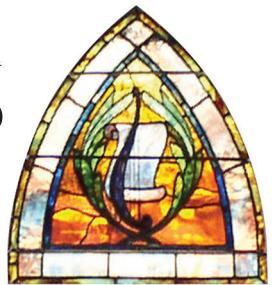


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## News & Events

### Lenten Preaching Series and Lunches to Begin Ash Wednesday, February 17

Glenda Curry, Bishop of Alabama, will open our Lenten Preaching Series on Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 12:05 p.m. Tim Blackmon, Interim Senior Pastor of River Rock Church in Folsom, California, will preach Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19. To attend in person, please register beforehand at [AdventBirmingham.org/Lent](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Lent) and please wear a mask. Registration will open at 1:00 p.m. the Friday before the start of a new week of preaching. You can also join the services via livestream at [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live).

Lenten Lunches will offer to-go boxed lunches from 12:30-1:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons on a first-come, first-served basis.

*See page 2 for more information.*

### Communion on Ash Wednesday

We will hold three services of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Due to Covid protocols, we will not have the Imposition of Ashes this year. To attend in person, please register in advance at [AdventBirmingham.org/Lent](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Lent). The 6:00 p.m. service will be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live).

*See page 2 for details.*



## A Word from Canon Smalley

I've recently been enriched revisiting Mark's Gospel with a class on Sunday mornings. In our most recent class, those of us there spent time reflecting on the encounter between Jesus and the Gerasene demoniac. In the fifth chapter, immediately following Jesus stilling an external storm upon the sea, he is confronted by a man with an internal storm. In Markan fashion we are told that when Jesus stepped out of the boat "immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit" (Mark 5:2). Immediately Jesus is thrust from one storm into another.

It is a harrowing account of genuine despair and isolation. We are told the man is as good as dead. He "lives" among the tombs, and his travails are more than the people can handle. They chain and shackle him, but he would wrench the chains apart, break the shackles, and no one could subdue him. "Night and day among the tombs

"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

- Mark 5:19-20

and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones" (5:5).

We often try to hide our internal (and external) storms, address them on our own and mute them. Not surprisingly I ask, where are the storms in your life? What wakes you up at 3 in the morning, where does your mind turn when idle, where are despair and isolation creeping in? What is too much for you? Maybe the storms are the same ones you've been battling your entire life.

Note that Jesus turns to and not away from this man, and that is a word for us. Jesus combines power and authority with compassion and mercy. The ultimate outsider, the case that is too much for anyone else is not too much for Jesus. The legion of demons are driven out at the word of Jesus, and the people find the man "sitting there, clothed and in his right mind" (5:15). Sounds great, doesn't it?

In your crying out, there is one who steers toward the pain, not away. Not to exploit, as the demons do, but to heal. Not to bind, but to free. Not to empty, but to fill.

- Craig

## This Sunday:

February 14, 2021

**9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
(Band led)

**11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
(Organ and Choir led)

Preacher: Doug Webster

Registering to attend is necessary at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

We will livestream both services, at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our livestream.

### Adult Education:

Adult classes will be held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Registering in advance is necessary at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship). Recordings of classes are available at [Audio.AdventBirmingham.org](http://Audio.AdventBirmingham.org).

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *The Exodus of the People of God (Chapter 2)* – Dean Pearson

**Why We Worship the Way We Do: Unpacking the Morning Prayer Liturgy** (Chapter Room) – Part 2 of 3 – Canon Hicks

**Old Testament Life on the Ground: The Writings** (Living Room) – Mark Gignilliat

### Children's & Youth Education:

Sunday School for 3K through 3rd graders will be held at the church during the 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Classes for 4th and 5th graders will be held at the church, 10:15-11:00 a.m. Confirmation class for 6th graders will meet at Cranmer House, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Please ensure that you sign up your child through the Signup Genius link sent by Tara Davis as we have limited spaces.

Children's Sunday School video lessons continue to be available online each week at [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship).

Junior High and Senior High classes will not meet this Sunday. Watch for information about future classes.



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



## worship

### Lenten Preaching Series

The Lenten Preaching service is held 12:05-12:30 p.m. every weekday during Lent. Our series will look different this year, but we hope you will join us as often as you are able. Join us in person, via livestream ([AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live)), or by listening to the audio posted online ([Audio.AdventBirmingham.org](https://Audio.AdventBirmingham.org)). To attend in person, please register in advance online at [AdventBirmingham.org/Lent](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Lent) and please wear a mask. Registration will open at 1:00 p.m. the Friday before the start of a new week of preaching.

### Lenten Preachers this Week

#### Bishop Glenda Curry to Open Series on Ash Wednesday

Glenda Curry was invested as the 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama in January 2021. She had been consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor in June 2020. Prior to her election as bishop, she served as Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Homewood, Alabama. Ordained in 2002, she was Rector of Epiphany Episcopal Church in Leeds, Alabama, until her move to All Saints' in 2004.

Prior to her call to ordained ministry, Bishop Curry was a nurse and administrator at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's nursing school before she became Dean of Nursing at Troy University. She served as President of Troy's Montgomery campus from 1992-1999, becoming Alabama's first female president of a four-year public university. She and her husband William have two adult children.

#### Tim Blackmon to Preach Thursday and Friday

Tim Blackmon, Interim Senior Pastor of River Rock Church in Folsom, California, will preach Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19, at 12:05 p.m.

Born and raised in The Hague, The Netherlands, Mr. Blackmon studied at the European Bible Institute in Lamorlaye, France, and Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He planted River Rock Church, where he now is again serving. Mr. Blackmon was also Pastor of The American Protestant Church of The Hague, and he served as Chaplain at Wheaton College. He is married to Betsy, and together they have four children.



### Lectionary

Sunday, February 14: Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Kings 2:1-12  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### Ash Wednesday

#### Communion Services Set for February 17

The Advent will hold three services of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Due to Covid-19 protocols, we will not have the Imposition of Ashes this year. To attend in person, please register beforehand at [AdventBirmingham.org/Lent](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Lent) and please wear a mask. Registration for these Communion services opens on Wednesday, February 10, at 9:00 a.m. The 6:00 p.m. service will be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, and YouTube. Wes Sharp will preach at all three services. The Cathedral Choir will sing at the 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services.

For Communion, everyone will receive an individualized package containing a wafer and a small amount of wine upon arrival. At the appropriate time, the Officiant will direct everyone to receive Communion at their seats. We will not be going forward for Communion.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Lenten Lunches

#### To-Go Boxed Lunches Offered this Year

Boxed lunches will be available to-go each weekday of Lent (except Good Friday) from 12:30-1:00 p.m. and will include a sandwich (Advent pimento cheese, Advent chicken salad, and a variety of other sandwich options), salad, chips, and dessert. Bottled water will be available. The cost is \$10.00. Lunches may be picked up and paid for in Clingman Commons. We will be ordering lunches based loosely on the number of people registered to attend the sermon in person, and they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. We are eager to feed as many folks as would like to get a lunch.

We wish we could have all the usual Lenten Lunches menu fare with plenty of table seating for our enjoyment and fellowship, but current guidelines regarding Covid-19 safe practices tell us we cannot observe the season of Lent in that way this year. We are very excited about the preacher lineup, and encourage everyone to take advantage of these excellent sermons which will be preached each weekday in Lent. Contact Carolyn Lankford with questions ([Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Young Adults' Ministry

#### Gathering Set for February 23

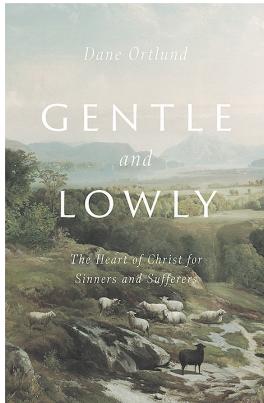
If you're in your 20s or 30s, please join us for fellowship on Tuesday, February 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Back Forty Beer Company (3201 1st Avenue North, 35222, at Sloss Docks). We'll be outside, masked, and socially distant. Contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)) for details.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

- Psalm 25:7

## Dean Pearson Recommends Book for Lenten Reading

Each Lent I like to recommend a book for reading. I am happy to say that I did not have to look very far this year. Dean Ortlund's *Gentle and Lowly* is a wonderful reminder of who God is. Ortlund does not seek to unpack attributes of God, but issues a declaration of who God is at his heart: gentle and lowly. In the midst of Covid, which feels like a perpetual Lent, we could all do with some reminding of the mercy of God in Jesus Christ. - Andrew



The Advent Bookstore has copies of Gentle and Lowly in stock (at a price competitive with Amazon).

## Nursery Provided on Thursdays During Lent

We will offer a nursery for children ages 18 months-4k on Thursdays during Lent, from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Parents will need to register their children beforehand. Sign-ups will be emailed to parents by Tara Davis ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com)).

## No Shuttle Bus this Year

Due to Covid-19 safety protocols, we will not be running a shuttle bus to Lenten Preaching and Lunches this year.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. High Dinner Gathering this Sunday

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to a Junior High dinner gathering this Sunday, February 14, 5:45-6:45 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We'll provide dinner, play some games, and have Bible study. Students need to bring only their masks. No sign-up is necessary. Contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)) with questions.

#### Sr. High "Fancy Night" Is this Sunday

We are so excited about our most special Family Dinner of the year – "Fancy Night"! It will happen this Sunday, February 14, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Deck out in your fanciest gear and come join us for a night of fine dining. Masks are required. Contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

## serving & outreach

### Amistad Mission

#### Ministry Partner Offers Daily Devotionals During Lent



The Advent has partnered with Amistad Mission, a Children's Village in Cochabamba, Bolivia, for more than 25 years. Our international partners can feel foreign and far away. Amistad Mission has created a way for interested people to get to know its culture, children, and mamas in a more intimate way. Through the season of Lent, Amistad Mission sends out a short devotional each day. Through photos, words from the staff and mamas, and voices from the children, you will get to know the beauty of this ministry to abandoned children in the mountains of Bolivia.

If you are interested in receiving these short devotionals, email [CKing@AmistadMission.org](mailto:CKing@AmistadMission.org).

## bookstore



Above: Reagan Davis (left) and Sallie Braswell enjoyed browsing the Bookstore before 3K Sunday School on January 24.

The Advent Bookstore is open on Sunday mornings, 8:30-11:30 a.m., and on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Masks are required, and we maintain social distancing. Contact Ann Campbell ([Ann@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Ann@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

## diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama

## advent staff

The Very Rev. Andrew C. Pearson, Jr., Dean and Rector  
The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Canon Pastor and  
Day School Chaplain

The Rev. Canon Dr. Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

The Rev. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

## transitions:

**Death:** Jane Kaul Wilson,  
on January 27

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Daniel "Dan" Brannan Haas:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

**Samuel Iverson Rawls:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez • (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jackson

**Isabel Elmore Bradley:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

**Robin Adair Wade, Jr.:** (Garden Fund) by Bama and David Mills • (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

**Ann Turner Hull:** (Pastoral Care) by Bryan F. Helm

**In Honor of the Marriages of Trudy Evans and Russell Levenson, and Margaret Little and Doug Martin:** (Garden Fund) by Lella Bromberg



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 14	15	16 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	17 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Lenten Preaching - Glenda Curry - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	18 Lenten Preaching - Tim Blackmon - 12:05 p.m.	19 Lenten Preaching - Tim Blackmon - 12:05 p.m.	20
Feb 21	22 Lenten Preaching - Charleston Wilson - 12:05 p.m.	23 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Charleston Wilson - 12:05 p.m. Young Adults' Gathering - Back Forty Beer Com- pany - 7:00 p.m.	24 Lenten Preaching - Charleston Wilson - 12:05 p.m. Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	25 Lenten Preaching - David Browder - 12:05 p.m.	26 Lenten Preaching - David Browder - 12:05 p.m.	27

Monday-Friday (Starting February 17): Lenten Lunches – Clingman Commons, 12:30 p.m.

**Intercessory Prayer Available at Advent House:** Anyone desiring to seek God in prayer may reach out to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. We are offering prayer sessions at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205) or via the Zoom video app. Please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, [Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

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